of the shipping services from the mainland to the Andaman Islands. We have recently got one brand new ship and we are expecting very soon, two more such ships. I hope after getting these two ships, the inconvenience which is caused to the people of Andaman will be reduced.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Agricultural Exports

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of the new EXIM policy on exports;

(b) whether agricultural exports have been boosted in the recent past;

(c) if so, the amount of foreign exchange earned from agricultural exports from Kerala during the year 1990-91 and whether the foreign exchange earning is expected to increase this year;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to further increase the agricultural production?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (e). Government announced an initial package of trade policy on 4th July, 1991 followed by a few other changes in the policy on 13th August, 1991 which aimed at strengthening export incentives.

Some of the salient features of new Trade Policy are given below:

i) REP licences have been replaced by a new instrument named Eximscrips. The basic rate at which Eximscrips will be issued against exports will be 30% of FOB value. For certain value added agricultural products which inter-alia included cashew kernels roasted/salted in consumer packs of 1kg. or less, fresh fruits, vegetables, cut-flowers, plants and plant materials and spices going by air, all types of canned, bottled and asceptically packed fruits, vegetable products and spices etc. entitlement of an additional Eximscrips of 10 percentage points has been allowed, taking the total Eximscrips rate to 40% of FOB value.

ii) Procedures for considering Advance Licence applications have been simplified;

iii) A number of items of exports including Molasses, Khandsari Molasses and Sugar have been decanalised and placed under Open General Licence (OGL) 3.

iv) State Governments have been requested to exempt exports from all fiscal levies.

Separate state-wise export figures are not maintained. As such it would not be possible to indicate the amount of foreign exchange earned from agricultural exports from Kerala during the year 1990-91.

A statement showing exports of agricultural Commodities in 1990-91 as compared to 1989-90 is enclosed. As the Trade Policy has been revised very recently, it would be premature to estimate its impact on foreign exchange earnings.

To increase agricultural production in

order to generate surpluses for exports, the following three-fold strategy is followed; (i) increase in area/yield, (ii) productivity efficiencies through adoption of best production and post harvest technologies and high quality management, and (iii) back-up support through relevant R & D and extension. It is a continuous process.

STATEMENT

Exports of Agricultural Commodities 1990-91 as Compared to 1989-90

Quantity: '000' Ton
Value: Rs. Crores
U. Value: Rs./Kg.

Sl. No.	*Item*	*1190-91*			*1989-90*		
		Qty.	*Val.*	*U. Val.*	*Qty.*	*Val.*	*U. Val.*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7*	*8*
1.	Cotton	283.03	752-76	26.00	61.850	80.27	12.98
2.	Spices						
a)	Pepper	31.371	111.06	34.35	34.482	152.97	44.36
b)	Cardamom (Small)	0.379	10.06	269.72	0.180	3.07	170.38
c)	Cardamom (Large)	0.961	4.32	44.91	0.787	2.95	37.46
d)	Chillies	23.178	27.98	122.07	11.983	25.85	21.57
e)	Ginger	5.487	10.93	19.93	9.037	12.67	14.04

Quantity: *'000' Ton*
Value: *Rs. Crores*
U. Value: *Rs./Kg.*

Sl. No.	*Item*	*1190-91*			*1989-90*		
		Qty.	*Val.*	*U. Val.*	*Qty.*	*Val.*	*U. Val.*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7*	*8*
f)	Turmeric	12.764	14.34	11.223	16.860	16.15	9.58
g)	Curry Powder	2.787	6.01	21.57	3.320	6.75	20.34
h)	Misc. Spices	18.985	22.54	11.87	25.344	32.49	12.82
i)	Spice Oils/Oleoresin	0.879	31.27	355.70	0.717	22.86	318.80
	Sub-Total (2)	97.291	238.67	—	102.710	275.76	—
3.	Cashew						
a)	Kernels	49.641	431.51	86.92	44.857	360.34	80.33
b)	Cashewnuts						
	Shell Liqd (CNSL)	3.603	2.52	6.99	3.014	2.53	8.39

Quantity: '000' Ton
Value: Rs. Crores
U. Value: Rs./Kg.

Sl. No.	Item	1190-91			1989-90		
		Qty.	Val.	U. Val.	Qty.	Val.	U. Val.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
c)	In consumer packs of less than 1 Kg.	0.05	0.78	156.00	0.07	1.05	150.00
	Sub-Total (3)	53.294	434.81	—	47.941	363.92	—
4.	Tobacco:						
a)	Unmanufactured	70.375	209.16	29.97	58.183	152.24	26.16
b)	Products	13.299	54.53	—	15.512	19.97	—
	Sub-Total (4)	83.674	263.69	—	73.695	172.03	28.34
5.	Cereals						
a)	Wheat	201.025	38.51	—	—	—	—
b)	Basmati Rice	241.83	288.56	11.91	396.90	412.06	10.40

Quantity: '000' Ton
Value: Rs. Crores
U. Value: Rs./Kg.

Sl. No.	Item	1190-91			1989-90		
		Qty.	Val.	U. Val.	Qty.	Val.	U. Val.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
c)	Non-Basmati Rice	313.83	187.83	5.99	26.71	16.36	6.12
d)	Coarse grains	—	—	—	—	4.93	—
	Sub Total: (5)	—	—	—	—	—	—
6.	Oilcakes/Extraction						
a)	Soyabean Extraction	1295.303	457.67	3.54	937.987	363.61	3.88
b)	Groundnut Extraction	127.643	31.73	2.46	419.771	83.71	1.99
c)	Cottonseed Extraction	17.008	3.60	2.12	36.637	7.12	1.94

Quantity: '000' Ton
Value: Rs. Crores
U. Value: Rs./Kg.

Sl. No.	Item	1190-91			1989-90		
		Qty.	Val.	U. Val.	Qty.	Val.	U. Val.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
d)	Rice Bran Extraction	448.847	52.78	1.18	634.543	65.34	1.08
e)	Rapeseed Extraction	525.928	70.88	1.57	710.597	90.60	1.28
f)	Sunflower Seed Extraction	92.370	14.19	1.35	65.267	9.40	1.44
g)	Salseed Extraction	42.351	4.78	11.02	74.547	6.06	0.81
h)	Other, Extraction	19.972	3.66	—	24.253	4.79	—
	Sub-Total (6)	2570.422	639.29	—	2903.552	630.71	—

Quantity: '000' Ton
Value: Rs. Crores
U. Value: Rs./Kg.

Sl. No.	*Item*	*1190-91*			*1989-90*		
		Qty.	*Val.*	*U. Val.*	*Qty.*	*Val.*	*U. Val.*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7*	*8*
7.	Niger Seed	10.386	13.52	—	13.840	11.93	—
8.	Seasame Seed	47.187	72.00	15.273	138.530	178.15	12.86
9.	IIP's						
	Groundnuts	35.473	62.43	17.60	24.791	26.88	10.82
10.	Minor Oils	3.849	10.79	—	5.180	11.88	—
11.	APEDA Items						
a)	Fresh Fruits & Vegetables	—	172.00	—	—	155.57	—
b)	Processed Fruits & Vegetables	—	60.00	—	—	66.37	—

Quantity: '000' Ton
Value: Rs. Crores
U. Value: Rs./Kg.

Sl. No.	Item	1190-91			1989-90		
		Qty.	Val.	U. Val.	Qty.	Val.	U. Val.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
c)	Meat & Meat Products	—	147.50	—	—	127.57	—
d)	Other Processed Foods	—	133.00	—	—	132.98	—
	Sub-Total (11)		512.50			482.43	
12.	Sugar	65.00	52.06	8.00	32.800	22.37	6.812
13.	Molasses	214.00	19.54	0.91	258.00	16.85	0.65
14.	Shellac	6.692	17.17	25.65	6.200	17.76	28.64
15.	Gum Karaya	0.46	3.83	—	1.590	122.80	—
	Total (1.15)		3612.66			2737.40	